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Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire
Chief Clerk & Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
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RE: Joint Application for Approval of the Sale of Assets and Transfer of Facilities,
Territory and Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity from AAA Utilities,
Incorporated to CSWR South Carolina Utility Operating Company, LLC with
Proposed Notice
Docket No.: 2022-161-W

Dear Ms. Boyd:

The South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff (“ORS”) is in the process of reviewing the filings made by AAA Utilities, Incorporated (“AAA Utilities”), and CSWR South Carolina Utility Operating Company, LLC (“Central States”) (collectively the “Joint Applicants”) filed in the above-referenced docket with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”), and has not yet completed its review. The Joint Applicants seek approval of a sale of assets, including water and sewer facilities, territories, and certificates of public convenience and necessity, from AAA Utilities to Central States. More specifically, Central States will “acquire the water and sewer system, service territories, personal and business property, real property, easements, governmental authorizations ... and certain other property necessary for the operation of the AAA Utilities water system.”¹ Moreover, Joint Applicants seek expedited review of the application and waiver of a formal hearing if, after notice, no substantial opposition arises.

ORS respectfully requests that the Commission delay consideration on the above-referenced matter and the Joint Applicants’ request to provide ORS additional time to adequately review the Application. Granting this request would not result in any undue prejudice or unreasonable burden to the Joint Applicants. Should this request be granted, ORS will notify the Commission upon completing its review of the Application.

¹ Application at 3.

Sincerely,

/s/ Nicole M. Hair

Nicole M. Hair

cc: All Parties of Record
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(all via electronic mail)